

Confidential

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Dear Harold:

Thanks for your letter of the 16 th and a shorter letter just before. I know that your many physical problems impede getting things done, and of course I am very sorry for the pain these things cause you. To a lesser extent, it is happening to me too, and it is a bit scary. I was more or less of an invalid with serious asthma much of my childhood, and now the effects of so many years of medications add to my troubles. Plus loads of new problems.

I'm just saying this so that you know I do sympathise. What I'm asking is to try to make one more big, organized, and methodical effort. I have got a major investigation under way and hopefully will be able to put together a more definitive book for historical purposes.

I need your help. You talk about how hard it is to get reading done, and I find that I have been so addled in the past two years that I cannot read much at all. I'm having trouble getting through a newspaper in the morning.

Whatever I say here of a personal nature is strictly between us and not to be broadcast all over the world. I need to unload to you and have you understand my problems too, if you will, and hope that you can do what you can to help me.

Primarily, if you can direct me to a specific page number where I might find the answer in your works, rather than have you write something out all over again, fine, but please don't get angry with me for asking. I have a lot of trouble reading anything, let alone your books at this point. I have been through one terrible ordeal after another.

No-one will ever know what sort of person Robert really is but me. I have never had such a bad experience with anyone in my life. He all but ruined me. At one point last Fall I really wouldn't have cared if he had died, he had hurt me so deeply. Now I find he has wrecked the most important thing in my life. This just surfaced.

Please don't repeat all of this. You simply cannot know what I have been through. I made so much work at such a heavy cost, I wonder if I will ever get a quiet space in my life to recover.

Thank you for the tip on Morrissy. I get very many letters now, most of which I answer, but some just keep coming right back at us. Some of these folks are very nice and interesting people, and some get put in the "nut" file.

I needed to have a clear statement from you on every point that the doctors lied about. I had some specific requests in my letters, so I hope you can give them your attention.

Did you get the check? Could you use a computer or electric typewriter of some kind? A computer with a word processing

program is a great tool to have, but it has to be set up and takes a bit of learning. Not any real problem.

Rick is late with his report on the Dallas trip. He did say that he found one piece of evidence that seemed to corroborate the Ricky White story.

He also got in to see Henry Wade, and took Larry Howard with him.

As for Moore and his piece of shit, I don't put any store by it. I sent that to you just in case you were unaware of what he had to say about you. I was his real target, but Groden's ego shielded me, since Moore was stupid enough to think Groden wrote HIGH TREASON, and so much of his book was devoted to attacking Groden. That pleased me, since at this point anything at all that hurts him is okay by me.

Yes, Robert cannot write. Two pages were requested by me and it was a devil to straighten out. Two other pages were forced on me by him. During the final drafts, it took me up to a year to get him to read the book once. He did some corrections and editing, but it was minor. I saw some of his sort manuscript, a try at another book, and it was awful.

I talked to him yesterday and he bitched because the Baltimore Sun article recently made clear that I wrote the book and not him. I tried to share with him but shortly after the book was printed, he published a newspaper story telling how he wrote the book and why, and never mentioned my name, even that there was a co-author. He even told the Post Office that he owned half my company. He interfered at Berkley very greatly.

He did so much else to hurt me, and sabotage my little company, I'll never forgive him. I never should have shared with him at all, and was totally taken in by him, but his plan seems to have been to walk off with the farm. He is still asking for my help.

Also, he double dealt me three times, when we signed with a film producer and then he made a secret deal with another. David Lifton was paying him thousands of dollars after our book came out while Lifton was trying to destroy me behind my back contacting Harvard, the police, and everyone else. The two of them got me in that trouble in 1979 for which I took it in the neck publicly, and those are the reports you have from Justice, which Rick got. I just endured a whole year of very tough scrutiny from Rick before they finally came to me and said "we don't believe any of the stories we heard about you," and related to me much slander.

Meanwhile, Rick is slandering me to all of our witnesses. (I have it on tape.) I had a very bad year and a half just now. Then Robert and his lawyer totally disrupts Berkley just at the moment they are publishing, with a lot of false charges. Now he has assigned back to me the half of the copyright I was stupid enough to voluntarily give him.

Can you direct me to where you explain what the story is on

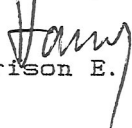
the Altgens photo mistake? I don't quiet understand that. You say you made an error because Liebeler had Altgens in the wrong place?

You also talk about Garrison. Can you give me a critique of Garrison's case? You say that he misrepresented things as dishonestly as possible. What?

Harold, I know that I need you to help me in very specific ways, but its to the end that my next book will not have mistakes, or very many of them. You know that I made very many corrections in the last one on the medical chapters, which you had called in to me.

I know that you are tired and unwell, but we have got to finish the job with this case, and you and I and perhaps Rick and Dave are the people to do it. I am willing to spend some of my resources to that end.

God bless,


Harrison E. Livingstone